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Dear Mr May - I thank you for what you say of Donkin. Your account of him is what I could I anticipate from my knowledge of such men. I have since taken a communication from Henricusky who is a great Irish patriot, a great reformer, a great leader, and one of the greatest men of whom I have any knowledge.

I thank you for no 10 Liberator which completes me of my volume.

What you say of the Irish don't trouble me. I know how angry such neighbours must make decent people. And yet it is odd that there is a much smaller proportion of outlaws, crimes in Ireland than in England - though the English are a more truthful & honest & far cleverer people. Crimes of violence & property, are much rarer here than in England. I would think, very less so here than there. But for Popery this would be one of the most prosperous countries in Europe.

I do not go to America. It was out of my powers - and if I had & had been, I could not have been allowed to join the party - which was picked from a class to which I am not connected to belong. The destruction of slaves is almost Indian in this country & the destructions are amazingly fine.

I had a letter from Mr. Dickens, Mr. Thompson's son in law rather more cheerful than the report I sent out lately. They expected him soon & hoped that his visit to India would prove remunerative in some way and undeviated.

You have sent me some books for the advocates that I am obliged to omit for want of space & sometimes because they are rather too much for the prevalent English ignorance of American affairs. I always like what you send & hope you will keep me in mind - but I am sure you will not think bad of my doing so the best. I have always tried to be rather not to put in any they merely because it is offered. And in every number when finished I see I might have done better.

I always have type, by my own plan & numbers & am invariably obliged to leave a portion unused. Nothing that comes is quite inferior than yours are letters which you see I appropriate unmercifully. I like all you write and the spirit & which you always manifest.

While writing this, inclose a letter from Miss Estelle
enclosing £20 for the Advocate. She goes with
her heart, and is an admirable woman.

I have a copy of W^m Chambers book & if I can
find an opportunity, you shall have it. - I see
from the letter that Dix & Edwards are named
as the New York publishers. Perhaps they don't
care to advertise it. I find that Am. A. S.
books as I do, but fully doubt when got this
American house in London - and that in
these London lists of New Am. books, such
Hawley books do not appear.

I am in hopes that here with you will fit
you account regularly. My son has taken
your name into his eyes & every thing will
pass through our books like a business
account. I am short of money just now
but in about 2 weeks I hope to remit the
amount of the balance I owe you.

Who are the editors of the N. Y. Observor & of
the Journal of Commerce

I had a letter from Mr Chapman requesting
me to take no notice of contributions to the
Bazaar at present. This is why I have done

make use of the information you
supplies about timber. Please say when the
Oila in Bon can be had

Your ever truly R. Webb